

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT FAIRBANKS

STATE OF ALASKA,)
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Plaintiff,)
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vs.)
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BOBBIE ANN HUNTER,)
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Defendant.)

Trial Court Case No. 4FA-18-00729CR
Court of Appeals No. A-13250

**DISTRICT COURT'S FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS CONCERNING BOBBIE
HUNTER'S REQUEST THAT SHE BE ALLOWED TO REPRESENT HERSELF**

Pursuant to the Court of Appeals order dated May 12, 2020, an in person self-representation hearing took place before the District Court on June 24, 2020. Bobbie Hunter appeared in person for the hearing. Rachel E. Cella, Ms. Hunter's court appointed attorney, appeared telephonically for the hearing. The court discussed with Ms. Hunter the benefits of having counsel represent her in the appeal and the dangers of representing herself. Ms. Hunter indicated that she would like the Public Defender Agency to represent her in her appeal as long as her attorney would be someone other than Ms. Cella. The hearing was continued to July 8, 2020 to give Ms. Cella an opportunity to check whether her agency would appoint someone other than herself to represent Ms. Hunter in her appeal. Ms. Hunter and Eric Yff of the Fairbanks Public

Defenders Office appeared in person for the July 8th hearing. Ms. Cella appeared telephonically. As a result of the colloquy that took place between the court and Ms. Hunter during these hearings the court makes the following findings and conclusions.

FINDINGS

1. Ms. Hunter is of the belief that Ms. Cella is employed by Alaska Legal Services. She indicated that she does not want the help of Alaska Legal services.
 2. When informed that the Public Defender Agency would be representing her in the Appeal and not Alaska Legal Services, Ms. Hunter replied that "she would give the Public Defender Agency a try".
 3. The court informed Ms. Hunter that Ms. Cella works for the Public Defender Agency and not Alaska Legal Services. Ms. Hunter responded by saying "she told me that she was part of Alaska Legal Services and that I have numerous texts about it". "I do not want Ms. Cella representing me" because "they told me on email that they were part of Alaska Legal Services". She stated that she does "not believe Rachel Cella is the real Rachel Cella".
 4. At one point in the hearing Ms. Hunter asked if she could get a Public Defender from the Fairbanks Office to represent her.
 5. Ms. Cella replied that was a decision that she could not make, but that she would speak to her supervisor about Ms. Hunter's request.
 6. At the July 8, 2020 hearing Ms. Cella reported that her agency would appoint Mr. Eric Yff of the Fairbanks Office to represent Ms. Hunter in her appeal.
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7. Ms. Hunter consented to Mr. Yff's appointment as her attorney.

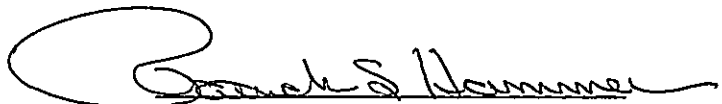
CONCLUSIONS

BASED UPON THE COURT'S FINDINGS, THE COURT CONCLUDES:

1. The Public Defender Agency (Mr. Yff) should continue to represent Ms. Hunter in her appeal.

Dated at Fairbanks, Alaska, this 9th day of July, 2020.

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Patrick S. Hammers
District Court Judge